

## Arizona ETV Application Instructions

Education and Training Vouchers (ETV/s) are provided to assist foster youth and former foster youth with expenses related to education or training programs. Young adults must have been in foster care at the age of 16 or 17 and must enroll in a post-secondary program recognized by the Arizona Department of Education. Young adults may receive financial assistance until they reach the age of 21. However, if a young adult is in a recognized program at the time of the 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, they may continue receiving assistance for that program until they reach the age of 23. Financial assistance (ETV) is based on need. The application process considers all your school or training expenses (including your living expenses) and all your income and financial resources. You must have a financial need in order to receive an ETV.

A recognized education program must provide post-secondary education. This means classes beyond high school. You cannot receive an ETV for high school level education or GED preparation. Examples of post-secondary schools are community colleges, public or private colleges and universities.

Recognized training programs must provide post-secondary training. Again, this means beyond the high school level. You cannot receive an ETV for a high school level training program. Examples of post-secondary training programs are private technical and vocational schools, community colleges, and public vocational schools.

In most cases entry into a post-secondary education or training program requires a high school diploma or GED certificate. However, program entry requirements may vary. It is recommended that you check entry requirements if you have not completed high school or a GED.

Each DES/CPS District has an ETV area coordinator and the State Coordinator is Beverlee Kroll (480-545-1901 ext. 2042). If you have questions about your eligibility or the recognition of an education or training program, please contact your Area Coordinator (see next page) or Beverlee.

If you decide to apply for an ETV, please review the application first. If you are currently in foster care, it is suggested that you review the application with your case manager also. You must complete the application fully and provide the required information. If you have questions about the application, contact your Area Coordinator or Beverlee.

If you are submitting a Renewal Application, you only need to complete the shaded areas on the ETV application, unless you have changed your education or training program. You must attach proof of progress from your education/training program (i.e. most recent grades) in order for your renewal application to be processed. If you have received ETV funds in the past for a different education or training program and are applying to attend a new education or training program, you will need to complete the full application.

Remember the ETV funds are only available to foster youth or former foster youth enrolling or enrolled in a recognized program. In addition, you must demonstrate a need for funds to support your education or training. Your Area Coordinator or Beverlee may be able to assist in identifying support for your program. Be aware, you will be required to submit copies of receipts for fund expenditures. This likely will be a requirement for larger expenses and/or big item expenses (computer, tuition, car repair, etc). You need to check with your case manager or Area Coordinator about those requirements. Eligible young adults are being actively sought to benefit from the ETV program so feel free to call to ask questions or apply.

Summary:

- Young adults must have been in foster care at the age of 16 or 17 and must enroll in a post-secondary program recognized by the Arizona Department of Education. Young adults may receive financial assistance until they reach the age of 21.
- Recognized post-secondary education and training programs include: community colleges, public or private colleges and universities, private technical and vocational schools, and public vocational schools.
- The amount of ETV award is based on need.
- Application requests, submissions, and questions should be directed to your area coordinator.
- If you are currently in care, review your application with your case manager or ILP Specialist.
- Receipts will be required for larger expenditures (tuition, computer, car repair, etc.).

## ETV Area Coordinators

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